

Muscoy MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Council Members Present

Larry Claunch

Kay Sanders

Jerry Smith

Lea Tinker

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Motion to amend the minutes of the previous meeting. Chairman Claunch's report states that the new housing development in the northern region of Muscoy will include 500 homes; Mr. Claunch clarified that the housing development includes only 15 homes. The motion to amend the minutes was seconded and all were in favor.

STAFF REPORTS:

Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez reported that Supervisor Gonzales is requesting the MAC form a sub-committee for long-range strategic planning for the area of Muscoy in the general plan. Interested residents should contact MAC Chair Larry Claunch.

The Supervisor encourages residents to participate in the MAC. She would like the MAC members to reflect the diverse community of Muscoy. Individuals interested in serving on the MAC should contact Frances Vasquez at (909) 387-4565.

In response to questions at previous MAC meetings, Ms. Vasquez reported that the County sponsored cleanups do not generate revenue. The Muscoy cleanups are managed by a small private disposal company who take the collected refuse directly to the disposal site. As a result, no revenues are generated from the collection or recycling of the disposed items.

The Department of Public Works will be performing routine tree trimming throughout the community of Muscoy. A handout is available describing the location and type of work.

Officer Kathy Gray is out on medical leave so she was not present at the November MAC meeting. She is expected to return for the January meeting pending her recovery.

A rail safety handout is available to the residents. Ms. Vasquez urges residents to write to the CPUC voicing their concerns regarding their community's safety should a rail emergency occur.

The PAL Center will be hosting a Job Fair Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 9AM to 12PM.

Congressman Joe Baca will be hosting his annual Education Summit at Cal State San Bernardino Friday, November 18, 2005 from 8AM to 12PM. To RSVP please call (909) 885-2222

NEW BUSINESS:

A. County Office of Emergency Services – Richard Monfils

Mr. Monfils presented the County's new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The CERT program is designed to train volunteers in basic search and rescue, disaster team building, first aid and fire safety. The program will require each volunteer to participate in 20 hours of training over a 7 week period. Upon

graduating from the program each volunteer will receive a CERT kit consisting of a safety vest, hardhat and backpack. The goal of the CERT program is to educate individuals within the community on disaster preparedness so they can assist their families and neighbors should an emergency occur.

In addition to individual volunteers, the CERT program will require the formation of the citizen core sub-committee. The citizen core sub-committee will be made up entirely of community volunteers. Their primary purpose is to organize the recruitment and training of CERT volunteers within their community. In the event of an emergency the sub-committee will organize the CERT volunteers support efforts within the community.

B. County Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Brooke Wagner

Sgt. Wagner returned to respond to several questions raised during his first presentation on violent crimes against children. He clarified that the prosecution of sex offenders typically requires disclosure of the crime by the victim. Without the child's testimony it is very difficult to successfully prosecute suspected sex offenders.

The halfway homes for paroled sex offenders operate under conditional use permits. The requirements for the homes vary from city to city but most parolees serve approximately 3 years on probation—during which time they are eligible to live in the group home under the supervision of the state.

Sgt. Wagner disclosed that most of the group homes offer limited supervision for the parolees. While some homes do employ fulltime staff they lack the resources to thoroughly supervise all of the parolees on a 24-hour basis.

Currently there is no limit to the number of permits given to the group homes. The state has jurisdiction over the homes and permits are issued to organizations, typically non-profits, who sponsor the homes.

Sgt. Wagner suggested the community support "Jessica's Law." It is a statewide initiative that will utilize Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) tracking to monitor registered sex offenders. It also creates more stringent laws against child pornography and the luring of children via the Internet.

ACTION ITEMS:

Chairman Claunch entertained a motion to cancel the December 20th MAC meeting due to the holidays and reconvene January 17th, 2006. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairman Claunch

Chairman Claunch reported that he is researching the drainage issue in the north Muscoy/Cimarron Ranch area. He is currently trying to obtain information from the County detailing the approved plans for drainage. He will report any findings at the next MAC meeting.

Councilmember Smith

No Report

Councilmember Sanders

No Report

Councilmember Tinker

No Report

Public Comments

No public comments

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2006 meeting at 7:30pm.
The meeting adjourned at 9:28PM.

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